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May 22, 1958

Dear Voigtses,

Genealogy

The primary purpose of this booklet is to give information about the Clan members born before 1940, because their records are not in the printed reports. These histories were taken directly from the copy supplied by a member of the individual family. Unfortunately, most of these records didn't give their author's name.

Aunt Louise Voigts Riggert has traced our family back to her generation's great-grandfather, and this information is also included,

In addition, the booklet contains some childhood memories by the children of Henry Voigts, Sr. These stories were written during 1940 and most of the family histories were written around 1942. A few, however, are dated 1958.

It is our hope, Aunt Louise's and mine, that you will like this booklet and pass its information on to your children. No doubt there are errors, omissions, and inaccuracies that have been unintentionally overlooked, but please excuse and correct them.

Sincerely,

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W. H. Voigts

EARLY VOIGTS HISTORY

As checked by Louise Voigts Riggert in Germany in August, 1953, and later history from various sources.

Eschede, Germany, 2nd Entry in Church Record:

Peter Heinrich, born at Scharnhorst, January 23th, 1781. Baptized the 31 st same month. Father: Christoph Voigts of Rebberlow. Mother: Catherine Behrens of Scharnhorst. Sponsors of Peter Heinrich: Hans Heinrich Lutterloh, of Starkshorn, Johan Heinrich Voigts of Rebberloh, Hans Peter Anders (the baby's mother's half-brother.)

(Rebberlow is a beautiful farm about 3/4 mile from Eschede.)

Eschede, Germany, Entry in Church Record, No. 43, 1805

Johann Heinrich Wilhelm Voigts born October 17, 1805; baptized the 20th same month. Father: Peter Heinrich Voigts, shepherd and nightwatch at Eschede. Mother: Anne Catharine Dorothea, maiden name Kohler.

(Insert: This baby was baptized 3 days after birth and may have died or may have been an older brother of Jurgen Heinrich and may have remained on the Estate at Rebberlow.)

Eschede, Entry in Church Record No. 5, 1804

On October 28th the (Junggeselle) shepherd and night watch at Eschede, Peter Heinrich Voigts, was married to Catharine Dorothea Alps, the widow of shepherd Hans Heinrich Alps, maiden name Kohler.

Eschede, Germany, Church Record:

Married: July 2nd, 1802, was Christoph Voigts to Ilse Sophia Knackendoffet.

(Insert: This could be the 2nd wife of Christoph, Peter Heinrich's father, or that of a younger brother of his. With their numerous names, the same name often appears for every child.)

Information: The names of Blickwell and Rebberlow, names of places, and the family name of Marwede, a family connection, always appear with the Voigts record of Rebberlow.

Theerhof, Schroederhof, and Shaffstall are close together. They are isolated farm homes and not villages. Theerhof to Schroederhof about 1/8 mile and Shaffstall 1/3 mile further.

Hermannsburg Church Record:

Jurgen Heinrich, son of Peter Heinrich and Anne Catharine Dorothea Koehler-Alps-Voigts, born August 22, 1814. Died November 28, 1897, at the age of 83 years at Bristow, Iowa. Buried in North Vilmar Cemetary.

Hermannsburg: First Entry in Church Record 1842

Married: Jurgen Heinrich Voigts of Siedenholz to Marie Louise Schulze of Theerofen, March 28th, 1842.

Marie Dorothea Louise Schulze Voigts was born September 2nd, 1820, at Schroederhof, near Hermannsburg, Germany. Died Vilmar, Iowa, March 14, 1907. Burial in North Vilmar Cemetary.

Hermannsburg Church Record:

Born to Jurgen Heinrich and Marie Louise Schulze Voigts a son, Heinrich Christoph, January 20th, 1844, at 6:00 P. M. Baptized February 4th same year. Sponsors were Johann Heinrich Rodehorst, Friedrich Johann Schulze of Schroederhof, Johann Heinrich Conrad Schroder of Shaffstall.

Hermannsburg Church Record:

Born to Jurgen Heinrich and Marie Louise Schulze Voigts a son, on July 21st, 1846, at 2:30 P. M. Named Heinrich Friedrich. Baptized on July 26th, 1846. Sponsors were Heinrich Friedrich Helmes of Schaffstall, Carsten Heinrich Baetge of Theerofen, and Carsten Heinrich Voigts of Janigsen.

(Insert: For further record see record dictated by William Voigts, Sr., of Dubuque to his daughter-in-law, Clara Voigts.)

Heinrich Friedrich Voigts came to the United States as a refugee from Prussian Military Service. After the war with France in which the Prussians were victors they, for fabricated reasons, annexed the Dukedom of Hannover and made the citizens their subjects. He came to Chicago where he worked at several things. At the time of the great Chicago fire he was hauling freight with a flare box wagon and a team of horses. He roomed at the home of Henry Busse. There he met their niece Louise Hahne. After the fire he traded for another wagon and together with the Busse's and their three children Emma, Frank, and Louis, drove out to Parkersburg, Iowa, to a brother of Mr. Busse. (For information on this trip see Butler County Centennial History, 1956.) Mrs. Busse encouraged a romance between Heinrich and her niece Louise. She came to Iowa and they were married in Grundy County on September 1st, 1874.

Heinrich Friedrich died after much, much suffering of cancer on August 14, 1911. Burial in North Vilmar Cemetery.

Louise Hahne Voigts was born on September 5th, 1853, at Landesbergen on the Weser River, near Leese, Germany. She was the daughter of Christian and Wilhelmine Tiempe Hahne. She came with her father to the United States in 1872. They arrived at her father's sister Mrs. Henry Busse in Chicago. A year later they were joined by her mother and her two sisters, Caroline who later married John Graef and Wilhelmine who later married Conrad Wiegmann. Louise died of stomach cancer on December 13, 1923. Burial in North Vilmar Cemetery.

CONCLUSION:

Stories told by grandparents indicate that the Voigts family originated in France. During the persecution of the Huguenots in the 15th and 16th centuries they were given asylum and a land grant in Germany as they were supposed to have

been of the Nobility.

It was the brother of Anne Catharine Dorothea Kohler Alps (who married Peter Heinrich Voigts) who went to Africa, became a British citizen there, and had a diamond mine which the British Crown took and never surrendered to the Voigts heirs. At the time of his death there were supposed to have been only two heirs, one of them being Jurgen Heinrich, son of Peter Heinrich and his wife.

CLAN HISTORY

Dictated by Wm. Voigts and written by Clara Voigts, May 22, 1938.

Peter Heinrich Voigts came out of the "House of Voigts" of Rebberloh, near Celle, Province of Hanover, Germany. His second wife's name was Dorothea Koehler. (Insert: I found no evidence while in Germany of a second marriage of Peter Heinrich Voigts. Since he, at the age of 23 years married the widow Anne Catharine Dorothea Kohler Alps and since Jurgen Heinrich's mother is also listed as Anne Catharine Dorothea Kohler Alps it would seem that this is an error. However, according to the record at Eschede Peter Heinrich's father seems to have been married twice. And this may have been the second marriage of which William Voigts, Sr., of Dubuque speaks. Louise Riggert, May 12, 1958) A son Juergen Heinrich was born to them on August 22, 1814, at Blickwedel (near Isenhagen). Mrs. Peter Heinrich Voigts died in 1816 and her husband passed away nine years later, in 1825, leaving Juergen an orphan at the age of eleven years. The minister at Sprackensehl took him into his home until he was confirmed. During these three years he herded sheep for his keep. After he was confirmed he found work herding sheep for a farmer at Lobe, where he stayed for only one year, then going to Siedenholz where he got work as a sheepherder on a 50-50 percentage. He worked here for 30 years when the man retired, after which he worked as a

forester for Forester Knoop, until he came to America to make his home. While working in Siedenholz he met his wife, nea Mary Schulze, whom he married in 1842. She was the daughter of Johann Frederick Schulze and Eleanora Rube Schulze. Johann Frederick Schulze was born in Stettin, Province of Pommern, and was a cooper by trade. He later settled in Hanover Province in the village of Gauleben on the river Elbe. After a forest fire burned down a large forest near his land, he got permission from the government to grub out the roots and tree stumps, and building a large oven on his land, manufactured tar products from them. Their home was named "Teerhof" meaning "Tar-oven" originating from his occupation. "Teerhof" belongs to the Township of Hermannsburg.

The following children were born to Johann Frederick and his wife Eleanora:

Christoph, who married Fraulein Rodehorst.

Louise, who married Henrich Friedrich Helmes.

Mary, who married Juergon Heinrich Voigts.

Dorothea, who married Hogrefe.

Juergon Heinrich Voigts and his wife Mary Schulze had five children:

Heinrich (died in infancy)

Christoph Karl (Uncle Charlie)

Frederich Heinrich (Uncle Henry)

Dietrich (died at the age of 12 years)

Wilhelm

Charlie and Henry Voigts came to America in 1867. They first settled in Chicago, Ill., later coming to Iowa, and settled in Butler County near Bristow where the old homestead was built. It was to this farm home that their parents and youngest brother Wilhelm came in 1880. They left Germany Sept. 15 and landed in Philadelphia on Oct. 2, 1880, from where they came directly to Bristow where they finished their live's work.

Juergon Heinrich Voigts, born August 22, 1814, died November 28, 1897.

Mary Schulze Voigts, born September 2, 1820, died March 14, 1907.

Wilhelm Voigts, youngest of the family was born July 15, 1862, in Teerhof, Hermannsburg,

Hanover, Germany. He learned the tailoring trade there and after coming to America at the age of 18 years worked for a few months in Eldora, Iowa then coming to Dubuque, Iowa, where he has made his home since. On July 2, 1885, he married Katharine Weitzel. To this union were born six children; three died in infancy. His wife "Katie" passed away August 11, 1914. On July 10, 1917, he married Mary Loeb.

His children are:

Eleanora, born April 14, 1886, died July 25, 1886.

Sigmund, born July 23, 1888.

Karl Frederick, born June 19, 1891, died November 14, 1891.

William, Jr., born May 25, 1894.

Karl, born May 11, 1902.

Walter, born May 11, 1902, died July 9, 1902.

Sig Voigts married Clara Kaiser, November 25, 1914. Children:

Katherine Ruth, born August 20, 1915.

Walter Eugene, born July 13, 1920.

Bill Voigts married Frances Miller Oct. 1933. Billie, Jr., born and died Jan. 18, 1937.

CARL R. VOIGTS

by Anna Voigts Heuer

Carl Heinrich Christopher Voigts was born in Pleasant Valley township on October 2, 1875, oldest child of Heinrich and Louise Hahne Voigts. Carl Henry was baptized in the Lutheran faith on November 7, 1875, in Shiloh township school house in Grundy County, Iowa, by Rev. Doering, Evangelical Lutheran minister. His sponsors were Carl Heinrich Christopher Voigts (uncle) and Heinrich Busse.

Carl Henry lived in Grundy County for one and a half years. Then the family moved to the Voigts homestead in West Point township in Butler County. His father bought the land for ten dollars an acre.

Carl Henry Voigts went to Brushy Mound

school for several years. He went to confirmation school at Vilmar for four years. He walked the four miles to school in good weather and stayed by Grandfather Hahne when the weather didn't permit walking. He met Emma Louise Niehaus while going to confirmation school. Carl

Henry Voigts was confirmed in the Lutheran faith on April 13, 1890, by Rev. Conrad Weltner.

Carl Henry worked for his father and mother for several years and then worked for the following neighbors: Joe Gough, Ed Griffin, Tom Gough, and Fred Becker.

His wife, Emma Christina Louise Niehaus, was born on November 12, 1876, in Jackson township, Butler County, Iowa. Her father was Fredrick Niehaus who was born at Hereford Kreis Minden Germany. Her mother was Anna Weltman who also was born at Hereford Kreis Minden Germany. Emma baptized on February 11, 1877, by a missionary pastor who came every three months. He was Theo. Fick, Evangelical Lutheran pastor. Her sponsors were Louise Kromer and Christina Kramer. She went to rural school in Jackson township for about five years. She attended confirmation school at Vilmar taught by Rev. C. Weltner. Emma went to school two years and stayed by Mrs. John Schrader. She was confirmed in the Lutheran faith by Rev. Weltner in April, 1891.

Carl Henry Voigts and Emma Louise Niehaus were married March 16, 1904, at the St. John's Lutheran Church at Vilmar by Rev. C. Weltner at 11 o'clock in the morning. Their attendants were William Voigts, Minnie Voigts, John Niehaus, and Charlotta Schrage. They made their home on the old Salge place eighty rods south and one-half mile west of the Vilmar church. They lived on this place for four years. The first year of their married life a hail storm ruined their crops.

Their home was blessed with five children: Fred, Emma, Henry, Anna, and Ruth. Their first son was born on the 1st of February, 1905. Fred Henry was baptized in the home Feb. 19, 1905, by Rev. C. Weltner. Fred was born on the day of the death of his great-grandfather, Christian Hahne. Fred was his first great-grandchild.

The temperature that morning was 40° below zero. His sponsors were Fredrich Niehaus and Henry Voigts, his two grandfathers. Fred Henry went to the Brushy Mound school for eight years. He went to the Vilmar confirmation school for two winters. He was confirmed by Rev. C. Weltner in 1917. He worked for his mother and father and for several neighbors. Luella Conrad from Clarence, Iowa, visited her Aunt Mary and Uncle Herman Voigts in Butler County. Here Fred became acquainted with her. Luella Conrad is the daughter of Henry and Louise Ebert Conrad of Clarence, Iowa. Luella was born on Feb. 6, 1909. Luella finished the eight grades in country school and attended the Tipton Consolidated school for four years. She attended confirmation school at Clarence, Iowa, and was confirmed in April, 1923, by Rev. Carl Fouth, Evangelical minister. Luella was baptized in March, 1909. Her sponsors were Hanna Conrad and Emma Ebert. Luella taught rural school in Cedar County for five years. Fred. H. Voigts and Luella Conrad were married on May 11, 1932, at the Evangelical parsonage at Clarence, Iowa, by Rev. Carl Fouth. Their attendants were Henry Voigts and Esther Conrad, brother of the groom and sister of the bride. They made their first home on the old Herman Schrader farm. On Nov. 29, 1938, a son was born to them. Larry Fredrich was baptized on Dec. 18, 1938, by Rev. J. E. Willms. His sponsors were Wilbur Conrad of Tipton, Iowa, and Henry J. Voigts of Bristow, Iowa. Larry was the first grandchild of Voigts name in the next generation.

Emma Louise, first daughter, was born on May 25, 1906. Emma was baptized at home by Rev. C. Weltner in 1906. Her sponsors were Louise Voigts and Anna Neihaus, grandmothers, and Mrs. Fed Kromer. On Feb. 20, 1908, the Carl H. Voigts family moved to the old Voigts homestead which they bought from grandfather Voigts. Emma Louise went to Brushy Mound school for eight years and to Vilmar confirmation school for two years. She was confirmed by Rev. Weltner in 1920. Emma Louise met Paul Rosenwinkle at the Butler County fair. Paul Rosenwinkle was born

on Oct. 4, 1906. He was the son of Fred Rosenwinkle and Caroline Krumdick Rosenwinkle. He went to school at the Fremont township rural school and to confirmation school at the Clarksville Evangelical church. He was confirmed by Rev. Kock in 1921. Emma Louise Voigts and Paul Rosenwinkle were married on April 4, 1934, by Rev. H. A. Diers at the Vilmar Lutheran church. Their attendants were Margaret Rosenwinkle and Henry Voigts. They made their first home on the Fred Rosenwinkle farm. Their daughter was born October 31, 1936. Mavis Ruth was baptized by Rev. Satory of the Clarksville Evangelical church. Her sponsors were Ruth Voigts and Margaret Rosenwinkle.

Henry John Voigts, second son of Carl H. and Emma L. Voigts was born January 6, 1909. He was baptized at home a few weeks later by Rev. Weltner of the Lutheran Church. His sponsors were Herman Waller, John Niehaus, Herman Niehaus, Henry F. Voigts. He attended Brushy Mound school for 8 years. He went to confirmation school for two years. He was confirmed by Rev. Weltner in 1924. He finished high school at Bristow and then helped his father on the farm. When a boy, his father and mother visited the Will Miller family. Here he first met Hulda Miller. Hulda Louise Miller, a twin daughter of William and Wilhelmine Koenig Miller, was baptized in February by Rev. Weltner at the Vilmar church in 1911. Her sponsors were Charlotta Wiebke and Mrs. Henry True, Sr. Hulda attended rural school in Bennezette township for eight years. She attended confirmation school at Greene, Iowa. She was confirmed by Rev. Fred Voelkers, Evangelical Lutheran pastor, in 1926. Hulda attended Bristow High School for four years and Iowa State Teacher's College for one year and one term. She taught in the Butler County rural schools four and one-half years. Henry J. Voigts and Hulda Miller were married May 3, 1936, at the Greene Lutheran parsonage by Rev. Bischoff. Their attendants were Ruth Voigts and Edward Miller. They made their first home on the Voigts homestead. Henry's father and mother moved to their home in

Clarksville. A daughter, Barbara Jean, was baptized at home by Rev. J. Willms, Evangelical Lutheran minister. She was born February 24, 1938. Her sponsors were Emma L. Voigts and Wilhelmine Miller, grandmothers.

Anna Marie Voigts, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Voigts, was born April 18, 1911. She was baptized at the St. John's Lutheran church at Vilmar by Rev. Weltner. Her sponsors were Sophia Weigman, Charlotta Niehaus, Marie (Mrs. William) Voigts, Anna Kruse, and Minnie Waller. Anna attended rural school at Brushy Mound for eight years and confirmation school for two years. She was confirmed at the St. John's Lutheran church on April 11, 1926. Anna graduated from Bristow High School and went to Iowa State Teacher's College for two terms. She was a Butler County rural teacher for seven years. Anna Voigts met Alfred Heuer while going to confirmation school at Vilmar. Anna Marie Voigts and Alfred H. Heuer were married December 29, 1935, at the St. John's Lutheran church at 7:00 by Rev. H. A. Diers. Their attendants were Eugene Schrage and Ruth Voigts. They made their first home on the Heuer farm. Alfred Heuer was the son of Edward and Wilhelmina Schrage Heuer. He was baptized at the St. John's Lutheran church at Vilmar on June 18, 1911, by Rev. Weltner. His sponsors were Herman Heuer, Dietrich Kleinschmidt, Heinrich Kromer, William Schrage, Jr. He attended rural school in Butler County for seven years and confirmation school for two years. He was confirmed on April 11, 1926. A daughter Edith Ann was born Nov. 19, 1936. Edith Ann was baptized at the St. John's Lutheran church at Vilmar by Rev. Diers on Dec. 6, 1936. Her sponsors were Ruth Voigts and Lorena Heuer. Mary Lou was born on Oct. 25, 1938, and was baptized on Nov. 20, 1938, at the St. John's Lutheran Church by Rev. J. P. Willms. Her sponsors were Ella Landers and Emma Rosenwinkle.

Ruth Marie Voigts was born Jan. 26, 1917. She was baptized in February, 1917, by Rev. Weltner. Sponsors were Mary (Mrs. Herman) Voigts, Bertha Kruse, Mary Niehaus, and Gusta

Voigts. Ruth attended Brushy Mound school for 3 years. She attended confirmation school for 2 years and was confirmed in 1930 by Rev. Diers. Ruth met Hugo Senne while he was going to the Cozy Corner rural school. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Voigts and Ruth moved to their home in Clarksville in July, 1936. Ruth Voigts and Hugo Senne were married on Dec. 10, 1937, at the St. John's Lutheran Church at Clarksville by Rev. Siegfried Becker. Their attendants were Evelyn Voigts and Martin Senne. They made their first home on the Augusta Martzahn farm. Hugo Senne was the oldest son of William Senne and Magalene Drogmuller. He was baptized at the Vilmar church by Rev. Weltner. He attended rural school at Cozy Corner and went to high school at Greene, Iowa, for one year. After the death of his father and mother, he made his home with the William Steere family of Greene. William Charles Senne was born May 27, 1941. He was baptized at home on June 20, 1941. His sponsors were Martin Senne and Alfred Heuer.

Wm. Voigts, Sr.

by Louise Voigts Koopman

William Voigts, son of the late Henry Voigts, Sr., was born in the year of 1877, November 9th. He was baptized December 24 by Theodore Fink, a traveling evangelist. He was two weeks old when his mother took sick and his aunt Minnie, the late Conrad Wiegman's wife, took care of him until his mother's recovery. As a boy he had the nickname of "Bronco Bill." He also had freckles all over his face and had white hair. His grandmother told him to go to the pond and wash his face with frog eggs and let it dry. He did and his face felt like a beard. After doing this a number of times, his freckles disappeared and grandmother's word proved right once again.

He had the same privileges as most boys his age. He spent quite a lot of time visiting his maternal grandparents in Grundy County. He

had as a youngster quite a number of bicycles. The most remembered ones were two--one which had one large and one small wheel and the other as a closed 2-wheeled type. At the age of 13 he traded a pencil for a broken watch which he took apart and put back together. The watch ticked as good as ever. Since then he has been in the clock and watch repair business. He also made his own tools.

At the age of 15 in 1893 he was confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Church, West Point Township, Butler County. He started district school at the age of 15 which he attended for 16 months, which is all the schooling that he had. While staying with his Grandmother Hahne he rode the mail stage when returning home.

Sometimes in the winter it was so cold and fuel was scarce so his father cut the tops of the fence posts off and burned these. His mother also fixed a wick out of cloth and then laid it in tallow. This they burned for lights. His father worked in Chicago at the time of the big fire. He salvaged a piece of screen all melted together; this is in the possession of William now. He recalls when Butler Center was moved to Allison, some of the buildings which are there now.

At the age of 28 in 1905 he met and married Miss Marie Jakel of Wulfhagen by Vindheim in Germany, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jakel. She was baptized and confirmed in the years 1884 and 1898, by the pastor named Schmidt. As a child she was taken sick, after which she developed a slight limp but which didn't handicap her any while doing sewing in Germany which she learned from her aunt, still living in that place so far as known. At the age of 19 she decided to come to the United States in 1903. Accompanying her were some friends. She went to the home of Conrad Jakel, her uncle, who had recently lost his wife. She worked for him and his family and here she met Wm. Voigts. At times when he came to see her he would take her nice red apples, which were appreciated very much.

The first years of their married life they

lived on what was known as Uncle Charlie's from Minnesota place, located a short distance east of what is now his brother Charlie's place. Later he bought some of these buildings, one which was his Grandad's house. Part of this is on the place which they later bought, and is being used as a garage. They've both been farming this for 36 years, including watch repairing and dress making. He sold this farm in 1941 to his sister, Mrs. Louise Riggert of Allison.

Born to this union were 4 children: Wm, jr., Herman, Louise, and Harry. Herman was born in 1908 and baptized, died at the age of 18 months from inflammation of the bowels. He was buried at the Vilmar cemetery.

William, Jr., was born in 1906 and baptized in infancy. Later at the age of 18 he was confirmed at Vilmar by Rev. Weltner. He made his first radio at the age of 15, later going to Chicago to Coin Electrical School and then getting a job in Omaha. He was taken sick there in 1927. His mother brought him home where he had to stay in bed one year, during which time he contracted pneumonia three times. He wasn't expected to live, but in spite of everything, he pulled through. But he had to live in a drier climate so the farm was rented to Wm. Jacobs, who married a cousin of Bill, Jr., and the parents took their children to Arizona where young William regained his health. The family come back to Iowa visiting for the summer months for three years. At this time Bill met and married Miss Juanita Cooper, daughter of Cooper now of Ottumwa, Iowa. Her mother died leaving seven children, part of which were put in an orphan's home (Juanita was one). Later Juanita was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Surfus of Bristow after which she took the name of Surfus. Juanita and Bill were married June 27, 1933, at the Little Brown Church in the Vale at Nashua, Iowa. The attendants were Louise, sister of the groom, and Marvin Cooper, brother of the bride. After their marriage they have made their home at Phoenix, Arizona. They have one daughter born Oct. 2 1934.

Louise, the daughter, was born June 27, 1911, and baptized when 3 weeks old. At the age of 15 she was confirmed by Rev. Weltner. At 19 she met Dick Koopman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koopman, living in Dorr Michigan. They were married in 1933, March 19, by Rev. Diers. The attendants were Pauline Voigts, cousin of the bride, and Harry Voigts, brother of the bride. At different intervals they have lived in Arizona and Michigan and Bristow. They have 2 children: Keitha born Sept. 3, 1934 and baptized by Rev. Diers when 3 weeks, and Richard Dallas, born May 14, 1940 and baptized by Rev. Willms.

Harry was born in 1914 and baptized by Rev. Weltner. He was confirmed by Rev. Diers in 1926 and married in 1938, Oct. 15, to Maude Needam at Mason City. Maude is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Needam. The couple has lived on a farm near Bristow since their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. William Voigts, since selling their farm, will move to Arizona in the fall of 1942 where they expect to make their home.

Minnie Voigts Waller

Minnie Voigts, daughter of Henry Voigts, Sr., was born March 12, 1880. She was confirmed April 27, 1895, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Vilmar, by Rev. Conrad Weltner. She was married to Herman Waller of Chicago on Sept. 7, 1904, at Vilmar by Rev. Conrad Weltner. Children are Erich Henry Waller, Herman Albert Waller, Amanda Doris Waller, Marvin Albert Waller, and Mildred Marie Waller.

Erich Henry Waller was born Nov. 4, 1905, at Greene, Iowa. He was baptized in December, 1905. He attended 8 grades in a rural school district, 109 Rusk Township, Day County, Webster, South Dakota, and 2 years of confirmation school. He was confirmed July 23, 1922, by Rev. Shulte, Evangelical Lutheran pastor. On July 16, 1930, Erich married Bena Dirks. Bena

was born July 25, 1911, and baptized February 25, 1912. She attended 3 grades in Rural School District 108, Butler County, Greene, Iowa. She was confirmed April 10, 1927, by Rev. Voelker, Evangelical Lutheran pastor. Erich Henry Waller owns his own farm and is farming in Day County, Webster, South Dakota. Erich and Bena's children are: Velda Vae Waller, born April 4, 1931, baptized May 5, 1931; Wanda Fae, born Nov. 25, 1932, baptized Dec. 25, 1932; and Charmaine Hannah, born August 27, 1934, baptized Sept. 10, 1934.

Herman Albert Waller was born Sept. 11, 1909, Allison, Butler County, Iowa, and baptized Sept. 25, 1909 by Rev. C. Weltner. He had 8 years of grade school and 2 years of confirmation school. He was confirmed July 23, 1922, by Rev. Shulte. Herman plays the Hawaiian guitar and the accordian. He married Dorothy DeMarr in June, 1941, at Greene, Iowa.

Amanda Doris Waller was born May 14, 1910, and baptized also in May of that year. She attended grade school and 4 years of high school at Webster, South Dakota. She was confirmed on July 26, 1925, by Rev. David Rath, Evangelical Lutheran pastor, after 1 year of confirmation school. Amanda married Herbert Willis Beesley on Feb. 17, 1935, by Rev. I. A. Mueller, Lutheran pastor. Herbert was born on March 14, 1914, at Aredale, Iowa. He attended grade school and 1 year of high school at Greene, Iowa. Herbert was instructed and confirmed at Clarksville, Iowa, by Rev. S. M. Becker in November, 1936. Herbert Willis Beesley died June 20, 1938. Farol Dayle was born to Amanda and Herbert on Sept. 25, 1935. She was baptized in November, 1935, by Rev. Becker at Clarksville. Amanda is employed by Steel DeSoto Company at Webster, South Dakota.

Marvin Albert Waller was born July 26, 1912, and baptized August 18, 1912, by Rev. Weltner at Vilmar. He died March 11, 1914, and was buried in the Vilmar Church Cemetary.

Mildred Marie Waller was born Oct. 22, 1914, at Greene, Iowa, and baptized November, 1914, by Rev. Weltner. She had 8 years of

grade school and 3 years of high school in South Dakota. She was confirmed in July, 1928, by Rev. David Rath after a year of confirmation school. Mildred married Leo Prange at Waverly, Iowa, in 1931. Leo Prange had attended 8 years of school and was confirmed at Vilmar by Rev. Weltner. Mona Loy was born January 2, 1932, and baptized in the same month by Rev. Diers. Mildred is employed at the John Deere Factory in Waterloo, Iowa.

Henry Frank Voigts

Mr. Henry Frank Voigts was born Sept. 13, 1882, son of the Henry Voigtses, Sr. He was baptized Oct. 24, 1882, by Rev. Schlutz and his sponsors were Frank Busse, Friedrich Vahlsing, Conrad Wiegman, and Henry Kammeyer. He attended school at Brushy Mound # 6. He was confirmed by Rev. C. Weltner, April 25, 1897. He worked mostly with his father on the farm and one year he worked for Tom Gough near Bristow. He was married to Louise Schrage on Sept. 27, 1906, at the St. John's Lutheran Church at Vilmar by Rev. C. Weltner and moved on the old homestead for one year; then he exchanged with his brother Charlie and later bought the farm on which he now lives near Vilmar. Three daughters were born: Lilly, Frieda, and Leona. They were baptized by Rev. C. Weltner. Mrs. Voigts died on April 10, 1913, and daughter Leona died April 15, 1914. Then on Nov. 22, 1914, Henry F. Voigts was married to Minnie Schrage, sister of Louise, by Rev. C. Weltner at St. John's Church at Vilmar. Minnie Schrage was born Feb. 16, 1892, at Allison, Iowa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schrage, and was baptized by Rev. Weltner and confirmed by him on April 22, 1906. Five children were born to this union: Clarence, Marvin, Mabel, Darlene, and Donna.

Lilly Louise Voigts was born July 5, 1907, and was baptized by Rev. Weltner at Vilmar on

July 28, 1907. Her sponsors were Louise N. Voigts, Louise H. Schrage, Louise W. Schrage, and Caroline Graef. She graduated from Brushy Mound # 6 and also attended Sunday School at Vilmar, Iowa. She attended 2 years of Bible School at Vilmar and was confirmed by Rev. Weltner on April 23, 1922. She was married to Ted Bauman on Nov. 30, 1934, at Vilmar by Rev. Diers. They moved on a farm near Shell Rock and on Dec. 22, 1936, a son Don was born and was baptized by Rev. Nassen. His sponsors were Henry F. Voigts and Dick Bauman, Sr.

Frieda Charlotte Voigts was born Jan. 12, 1909, and was baptized by Rev. Weltner Feb. 7, 1909. Her sponsors were Lottie J. Niehaus, Lottie C. Wiebke, Sr., and Minnie H. Waller. She graduated from Brushy Mound school and attended Sunday School at Vilmar. She attended 2 years of Bible School and was confirmed by Rev. Weltner on April 27, 1924. She was married to Frank Wiegman Feb. 16, 1930, by Rev. Diers and moved on a farm near Clarksville. On April 26, 1932, a daughter Gloria was born and was baptized by Rev. S. Becker. Her sponsors were Minnie H. Voigts and Louise Wiegman.

Clarence Charles Voigts was born Sept. 20, 1915, and was baptized by Rev. Weltner at the home of Mr. Henry Voigts on Oct. 17, 1915. His sponsors were Carl Voigts, Sr., Carl Wiebke, Sr., Henry Schrage, Sr., and W. Schrage, Sr. He attended school 8 years at Brushy Mound and attended Sunday School at Vilmar. He attended 1 year of Bible School and was confirmed April 27, 1930, by Rev. Diers.

Marvin John Voigts was born June 24, 1919, and was baptized by Rev. Weltner on July 20, 1919. His sponsors were John Niehaus, Herman Koester, and Henry C. Schrage. He attended school 8 years at Brushy Mound and attended Sunday School at Vilmar. He attended 1 year of Bible School and was confirmed April 8, 1924, by Rev. Diers.

Mabel Elaine Voigts was born March 23, 1922, and was baptized by Rev. Weltner at Vilmar, April 16, 1922. Her sponsors were Miss

Caroline Wiegman, Mrs. Anne Kruse, Mrs. Lilly Dietrick, and Mrs. Emma Rosenwinkle. She graduated from Brushy Mound and attended Sunday School at Vilmar. She attended 1 year of Bible School and was confirmed April 4, 1937, by Rev. Diers. She was married to Clarence Wilken on June 1, 1941, by Rev. J. Willms at Vilmar. They moved to Clarksville.

Darlene Louise Voigts was born August 31, 1929, and was baptized by Rev. Diers at the home on Sept. 19, 1929. Her sponsors were Mrs. Will Voigts and Mrs. John Dornbush. She is attending school at Brushy Mound and is also attending Sunday School at Vilmar.

Donna Joyce Voigts was born Nov. 10, 1931, and was baptized by Rev. Diers at Vilmar on Nov. 29, 1931. Her sponsors were Mrs. Ralph Wubben, Mrs. Herman Koester, and Mrs. Dick Voigts. She is attending school at Brushy Mound and also attending Sunday School at Vilmar.

Herman Voigts

Herman Voigts was born Sept. 22, 1884, near Vilmar, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Voigts, Sr. His early childhood was spent on the farm with his parents, brothers, and sisters; there were ten children in the family. In his infancy he was baptized in the St. John's Lutheran Church at Vilmar by the Rev. C. Weltner; his sponsors were Herman Heuer and Conrad Waigman, Sr. He attended the Vilmar Sunday School. He was confirmed at about the age of 14 years. He started to school at the age of 5 years at the Brushy Mound School. His first teacher was Rosie Hewitt.

At the age of 23, he was married on Feb. 20, 1908, to Miss Mary Conrad of Clarence, Iowa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Conrad. She was baptized and confirmed and attended Sunday School in the Evangelical Church at Clarence. That spring they moved to a farm six miles northwest of Allison in Butler County, Iowa.

To this union was born five children: Elmer (deceased); Pauline, Eldo, and Vera.

Ella Voigts was born May 7, 1909. She was baptized at the Vilmar Lutheran Church at the age of 3 weeks. Her sponsors were Mrs. Henry Voigts, Sr., Mrs. Ernest Conrad, Sr., and Mrs. Herman Niehaus, Sr. At about the age of 14 she was confirmed in the Vilmar Lutheran Church by the Rev. C. Weltner. On June 20, 1928, she was married to Peter Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Englehart Jacobs of Clarksville, Iowa, at the St. John's Lutheran Church of Vilmar by Rev. Diers. To this union are born 6 children: Leroy--Dec. 13, 1928; Gladys--May 16, 1930; Donna--Dec. 6, 1934; Earl--Sept. 2, 1936; Richard--August 15, 1938, and Barbara--June 30, 1940. Leroy and Gladys were baptized by the Rev. H. A. Diers in the St. John's Lutheran Church at Vilmar. Donna was baptized by the Rev. Wendt in the St. John's Lutheran Church at Shell Rock, Iowa. Earl was baptized by the Rev. S. A. Siefkes in his house in Waverly, Iowa. Richard was baptized by the Rev. Edmund Frese in the Norton's Corner School House near Shell Rock, Iowa. Barbara was also baptized by the Rev. Edmund Frese in the Norton Corner School House near Shell Rock.

Pauline was born April 5, 1912. She was baptized in the Vilmar Lutheran Church by the Rev. C. Weltner. Her sponsors were Miss Louise Voigts, Miss Martha Conrad, Miss Mary Niehaus, and Miss Minnie Miller. She was confirmed at the age of 14 at the Vilmar Lutheran Church by the Rev. C. Weltner. On Feb. 3, 1935, she was married to Mr. John Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herm Hartman of Allison, in the Lutheran Church at Vilmar by Rev. H. A. Diers. This union was blessed with two children, Lowell, born April 13, 1938. He was baptized soon after birth by Rev. H. N. Roecker and passed away the next day, April 14, 1938. Wayne was born May 7, 1939, and was baptized by Rev. F. R. Blakely.

Eldo Voigts was born August 9, 1914. He was baptized in the Vilmar church by Rev. Weltner.

His sponsors were Charles Voigts and Henry Conrad, Jr. He was confirmed in the Vilmar Lutheran Church by Rev. H. A. Diers. On Dec. 19, 1937, he was married to Miss Violet Wiebke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wiebke of Clarksville, Iowa, in the Lutheran church at Vilmar by Rev. S. M. Becker of Clarksville.

Vern Voigts was born April 2, 1918. He was baptized in the Lutheran church at Vilmar by Rev. C. Weltner; his sponsors were Wm. Roever, Wm. Voigts, Ed Wilkening, and Louis Conrad. He was confirmed at the age of 14 in the St. John's Lutheran church of Vilmar by Rev. H. A. Diers. At the present time he resides at home.

Mary Voigts Roever

(Written in 1958)

Mary Willimina Voigts, born March 27, 1887, at Bristow, Iowa. Married at Vilmar, Iowa, October 6, 1909, by Rev. Weltner to William Henry Frederick Roever. Witnesses were Louise Voigts and Henry Roever. William Roever was born June 6, 1888, in Coldwater township, Greene, Iowa. He is the son of Henry and Emma Kaiser Roever, both born in Maxfield township, Bremer County, Waverly, Iowa.

William H. Roever, oldest son of William and Mary Voigts Roever, was born July 2, 1910, at Vilmar. He was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church by Rev. C. Weltner. He was married to Vivian Ruby VanDorn on November 18, 1936, at Los Angeles, California. Vivian was born July 8, 1912, at Waverly, Iowa, and baptized at Waverly Baptist Church by Rev. Sirmons. They have three children. Vanda Mae was born Nov. 21, 1937, at South Gate, California. She was baptized at the Messiah Lutheran Church by Rev. Bridewiser and confirmed on March 18, 1951, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly, by Dr. W. Schmidt. Vanda was married March 2, 1957, to Lawrence Steffen of Ackly,

Iowa, at the Sacred Heart Church in Waterloo, Iowa. Velda Ellen Roever was born February 28, 1941, at Bell, California. She was baptized May 11, 1941, at Messiah Lutheran Church by Rev. Bridewiser and confirmed April 3, 1955, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly, Iowa, by Dr. W. Schmidt. William Edward Roever was born Nov. 21, 1950 at Waverly, Iowa. He was baptized January 14, 1951, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly, Iowa, by Dr. W. Schmidt.

Kermit Carl Roever, second son of William and Mary Voigts Roever, born July 6, 1912, Bremer County, Janesville, Iowa. He was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly, Iowa, on August 4, 1912, by Rev. Emily Rausch and confirmed by same on April 10, 1927. Kermit married Ethel Grace Knapp on September 28, 1941, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Rev. R. C. Schlueter. Their children are Rebecca Ann, born April 27, 1942; Kermit Cecil, born July 30, 1944, and Verlinda Lee, born February 14, 1951.

Leland Emil Roever, third child of William and Mary Voigts Roever, born April 25, 1914, at Bremer County, Janesville, Iowa. He was baptized on April 26, 1914, at home by Rev. E. Rausch, and confirmed on April 12, 1928, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Rev. Rausch. On January 1, 1937, he married Alice Vaughn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vaughn of Janesville, Iowa, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church parsonage, Waverly, Iowa.

Cecil Frederick Roever, born February 9, 1917, Bremer County, Janesville, Iowa, was baptized on March 18, 1917, by Rev. E. Rausch at home. He passed away on Dec. 17, 1919, at home from the flu at the age of one year and ten months. He was buried at the North Vilmar Cemetery.

Eldon Deitrich Roever was born August 4, 1919, in Bremer County, Janesville, Iowa. He was baptized at home on Aug. 31, 1919, by Rev. Rausch and confirmed on March 27, 1932, by Rev. R. C. Schlueter at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly, Iowa. He married Martha

Louise Teeter, foster daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sipe, Conover, North Carolina, on June 24, 1945, at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Conover, North Carolina, by Rev. Pretty. Their children are: Brenda Louise, born November 19, 1946, at Hampton, Iowa; Sylvia Marie, born May 12, 1949, at Conover, North Carolina; Eldon David, born June 23, 1950, at Conover, North Carolina; and John Timothy, born June 29, 1953.

Velda Louise Roever was born Jan. 28, 1924, Bremer County, Janesville, Iowa; baptized March 2, 1924 by Rev. E. Rausch; and confirmed on March 28, 1937, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Rev. R. C. Schlueter. She married David A. Hamilton, son of W. S. and the late Ida Hamilton, Winthrop, Iowa, on Jan. 4, 1948, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly, by Rev. Otto Fangmeyer. Their children are Alan David, born Oct. 6, 1948, and baptized on Oct 10, 1948, at St. Paul's by his uncle Rev. Eldon Roever of Conover, North Carolina, and Peggy Kay, born February 21, 1951, and baptized on March 18, 1951, by Dr. Wm. Schmidt, Waverly, Iowa.

Caroline Voigts Koester

by Laura Koester

Mother was born at Bristow, Iowa, West Point Township, Butler County, on Sept. 7, 1889. She was baptized Oct. 20, 1889. Her sponsors were Caroline Graef, Wilhelmine Weigman, Maria Busse; by Rev. Conrad Weltn-r, St. John's Lutheran Church, Vilmar, Iowa. There were ten children. She was the sixth child. [?]

Mother was so small Grandpa said that he could carry her in his pocket. He called her his little mouse. When she was about four years old she was very ill. When mother was about eight years old, they were playing by the tank and Dick fell in. She took him by the legs and pulled him out, or he would have drowned.

When all of her brothers and sisters were home they were invited to a pie social.

So they baked a gooseberry pie. It was nearly done when they told Mother to look at it. If it was done she should take it out. Well, it happened to be done. Those were the days when they had summer kitchens. So she had to carry it from there to the house and she dropped it right in the sand upside down. Were her brothers and sisters ever disappointed! Well, they had to stay home. That was that.

Those were also the days she had to walk two miles to school, and also the time she had to wear her sister's shoes which were about two sizes too big. These were the pointed kind with buttons, about fourteen in all. Boy, could she kick the football.

When her sister Minnie would go to work out, the rest would crawl back of the stove and cry. They didn't like to see her go.

The best time of the year was Christmas. Great-grandma, Maria Voigts, would give her ginger snaps and some dress goods. Grandpa and Grandma would get a barrel of apples. They would always look forward to the time when they get a candy sack in the church.

One day when they were playing outside, she swung the hoe around and around and hit Dick on the top of the foot. Then she was afraid she would get a good spanking from her mother, so she told him not to tell their Mother. He still has the scar today.

When Mother was eleven years old she started to instruction school for three terms. She had to walk three miles. One morning when she got to school, the broom and water-pail were laying outside. She knew somebody was going to catch the dickens and sure enough. When Rev. Weltner came in, he got us one by one in the hall asking if we threw the broom and water-pail outside. Was he ever sore! Then finally one of the girls said she saw his cow in the hall. He said, "Then we will leave it by that."

Mother was confirmed when fourteen years old on April 10, 1904, at Vilmar by Rev. Weltner. After she was confirmed, she helped at

home and worked for her brothers and sisters that were married. She took care of Ella, Emma, and Henry J. Voigts, Amanda Waller, and Herman Voigts, Jr., when they were born.

The first time Mother saw Dad was at the old Fred Salge place. He came to visit Uncle Charley and Aunt Emma Voigts. Emma was sewing Mother's confirmation dress. He was with his brother-in-law, Ernest Edler. Mother was sixteen and living at the Vilmar store. Dad asked her for a date to celebrate the Fourth of July. They were married Oct. 6, 1909. The bridesmaid was Mary Koester. Best man was Dick Voigts. Mother had a double wedding with her sister Mary and Will Roevers at Vilmar, Iowa, by Rev. Weltner. Herman Voigts and Henry Schrage rode horse-back around to take the invitations.

Her husband, Herman F. Koester, was born Dec. 31, 1880. His father is Herman T. Koester and his mother is Johanna Von Elm. He was baptized at Ottregorf, Germany, and confirmed at Wellfeat, Nebraska, April 18, 1891, by Rev. Schimmelpfeneig. He came from Germany when he was four years old. His sister Bertha was twelve. They landed at Lowden, Iowa, where they joined their parents. Then with a covered wagon they went to Plum Creek, Nebraska (that is now Lexington). They were there about a year; then they went to Wellfeat, Nebraska. He lived there until he was twenty-three. Then he came to Iowa to visit his sister, Bertha Edler.

The first child that blessed their home was a daughter, Laura, born Dec. 22, 1910, at Vilmar, Iowa, on a farm. She was baptized Jan. 22, 1911, by Rev. Weltner and confirmed April 17, 1927, at Clarksville, Iowa, by Rev. W. A. Siefkes. Her sponsors were the grandmothers Johanna Koester and Louise Voigts and friend Louise True.

The second child, a son Harold, was born Oct. 29, 1912, at Vilmar, Iowa, on a farm and baptized Dec. 1, 1912, by Rev. Weltner. His sponsors are Carl Voigts, Conrad Weigman, and Herman Waller. He was confirmed April 17, 1927, by Rev. W. A. Siefkes in Clarksville.

The third child was a daughter, Vera, born Sept. 17, 1914, at Vilmar, Iowa, on a farm. She was baptized Oct. 18, 1914, by Rev. Weltner. Her sponsors were Marie Voigts, Sophie Prange, and Emma Voigts. She was confirmed April 20, 1930, at Clarksville by Rev. Siefkes.

The fourth child, a son Lawrence, was born Dec. 27, 1917, at Clarksville on a farm. He was baptized in 1918 by Rev. Weltner. His sponsors were Fred Voigts, Ernest Koester, and Emil Edler. He was confirmed April 9, 1933, at Clarksville by Rev. S. M. Becker.

Vera is married to Leonard Litterer. They were married on Nov. 12, 1939, at Clarksville, Iowa, by Rev. Becker. They are living on a farm east of Greene. He was baptized Nov. 23, 1913, at St. John's Evangelical Church, Fremont Township, Butler County, Iowa, by Rev. Paul Allrich. Sponsors were George Litterer, Elizabeth Litterer, Gottfried Scheidecker, and Katharine Schallock. He was confirmed April 1, 1928, by Rev. Arthur Graber. Leonard Litterer was born Oct. 22, 1913, at Charles City, Iowa. His parents are Fred Litterer and Mary Schie-decker. Vera and Leonard have a daughter, Myrna Lee, born at Greene, Nov. 3, 1940, on a farm. She was baptized Feb. 7, 1941, at St. John's Evangelical Church, Fremont Township, Butler County, Iowa, by Rev. Hartwig. Sponsors were Laura Koester and Anna Litterer.

We lived first at Vilmar, Iowa. When I was about six years old and Harold four and Vera a little baby, we moved to Clarksville on a farm $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles north. We have been living there ever since. I went to a country school named Excelsiors No. 6. All of us went to the same school. We used to walk and we would get so cold that we warmed ourselves in Dad's gravel pit and then go on to school. When we got there our toes would be so cold they would sound like marbles. Harold's and my first teacher was Mrs. Scott.

Mother was so busy so we had to entertain ourselves. One thing we had was a bag swing, with a rope on it and a barrel to stand on. We had a big evergreen in front of the swing; then

we would try and hit the first twigs. One day Vera swung on it and the rope broke, so she fell and got a big bump on her head for nearly five years off and on.

Now I am working at home at the age of 31. Harold worked out since he was fourteen for Barnetts, then to a different farm home, and then to California to try and get some work. He couldn't get any so he got a job picking corn in Iowa till there wasn't any more to be picked. Finally he got a job in the garage at Allison, Iowa. He has been working there now a year; his age is 29.

Vera went to high school four years. Then she went to Cedar Falls three months. She taught school four years. Then she got married to Leonard Litterer and has a little girl, Myrna Lee, now a year old; Vera is 27.

Now Lawrence, the fourth child, is three years younger than Vera. He helped on the farm till he was twenty-one and then went to a welding school at Des Moines, Iowa. He worked a little here and there. Finally he got a job in Allison where he was a welder. He was one of the best. They they drafted the men from 21 to 28. Of course, he had to go on the ninth of July.

Harold and I would play in the lumber wagon. One noon we were playing jumping out of the back. Then Harold fell and broke his arm. Then we went upstairs to Mother. She was laying down with Vera. She asked us how we did it. We told her we were playing with our coaster wagon; it turned over on the sidewalk. She didn't know the difference for a long time. Then when we were pretty old we told her how we did it.

There was a time when Mother was terrible ill and I had to do all of the work to send Vera to high school and Lawrence to country school. When Mother got to feeling better and doing chores, she fell through the hay mow. Then she had to lay in bed a long time. Dad got under one of our horses and the horse stepped on his face and smashed it. This happened all in one year. Then we had pretty good going.

When I was eighteen years old, I worked for Dr. Fields, for Sid Daily, for Fred Voigts, and took care of Mrs. Hummel (Aunt Etta's mother).

Diedrich Voigts

by LeRoy Voigts 1958

Diedrich (Dick) Voigts was born on Dec. 4, 1891, at Bristow, Iowa. We was confirmed at St. Johns at Vilmar on April 22, 1906. On March 16, 1913, Dick married Mary Koester of Cedar County, Iowa. Mary was born on March 31, 1886, and confirmed at Vilmar on April 23, 1911. The couple had four children: Kenneth, Evelyn, Merlyn, and LeRoy. Mary died October 8, 1946, and Dick died Sept. 27, 1956.

Kenneth H. Voigts was born Dec. 29, 1913, at Greene, Iowa. He was confirmed April 14, 1929. On June 7, 1940, he married Caryl Polk, who was born June 10, 19__ at Clarksville and confirmed July 28, 1940, at Vilmar. Kenneth and Caryl have two sons: David Kenneth, born June 14, 1942, and Keith LeRoy, born Dec. 12, 194__.

Evelyn Louise was born May 5, 1918, and confirmed April 23, 1933. She married Ricklef Menken on August 12, 1940. Rick was born Sept. 3, 1903, in Esens, Germany. Their children are John Diedrich, born Oct. 16, 1941; Mari Ann, July 8, 1943; Thomas Richard, Dec. 20, 1946; and Kathryn Joan, Oct. 2, 1948.

Merlyn F. Voigts was born Nov. 18, 1920, and confirmed April 28, 1935. On May 25, 1945, he married Susie Block, who was born Dec. 12, 1920, in Franklin County and confirmed March 25, 1945, at Vilmar. Their children are: Susanne Marie, June 30, 1947; Bruce Merlyn, March 14, 1951; Brenda Rene, May 16, 1952; and Kevin Douglas, Jan. 19, 1955.

LeRoy Richard Voigts was born Oct. 2, 1927, and confirmed April 6, 1941. He married Darlene Muehling on August 6, 1950. Darlene was born in Deshler, Nebraska, on Nov. 24, 1927. A son, Douglas William, was born Nov. 24, 1955.

Louise Voigts Riggert

(Written April 28, 1958)

LOUISE VOIGTS, born Dec. 17, 1893, on the old Voigts farm northeast of Bristow. Baptized Jan. 21, 1894, in St. John's Lutheran Church at Vilmar by Rev. Conrad Weltner. Sponsors were Christine Kramer, Friedrica Rathman, Auguste Kruse. Confirmed April 26, 1908, same church, same pastor. Married same church, same pastor, on October 16, 1912, to Christoph Heinrich Riggert, son of Christoph H. and Katharine Meyer Riggert of Herkimer Township, Marshall County, Kansas.

She and her husband remained with her mother at Vilmar until the spring of 1913. Then they moved to the Riggert farm in Herkimer Township, Kansas, remaining there four years. They then moved to Allison, Iowa, where they remained. Christoph was born Jan. 1, 1891, and died suddenly of a heart attack at Allison on May 30, 1939. He was buried in the church cemetery at Vilmar from St. James Lutheran Church of Allison by Rev. W. C. Nassen.

Six children:

THELMA LOUISE: born Jan. 17, 1914, in Herkimer Township, Kansas. Baptized in Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel's Church, Barnston Township, on Feb. 1, 1914, by Rev. A. Doering. Confirmed at St. James Lutheran Church, Allison, Iowa, by Rev. W. C. Nassen. Sponsors were Aunt Wilhelmine Waller, Aunt Dorothea Leseberg, Grandmother Louise Voigts, Grandmother Katharine Riggert. Graduated valedictorian, Allison High School, attended Wartburg College, Iowa State University, and Iowa State Teacher's College.

CHRISTOPH HEINRICH: born Sept. 15, 1920. Baptized Oct. 10, 1920, in St. James Lutheran Church at Allison, Iowa, by Rev. C. Weltner. Sponsors Uncle Adolf Riggert, Uncle Dietrich Voigts, Uncle Fredrick Voigts, Uncle William Roever. Confirmed in St. James Lutheran Church, Allison, by Rev. W. C. Nassen. Graduated from Allison High School.

GUSTAV KARL: born May 15, 1923, the evening before the funeral of his seven year old sister, Nolda Marie. Baptized at St. James Lutheran

Church, Allison, by Rev. W. C. Nassen. Sponsors, Uncle Karl Voigts, Uncle William Voigts, Uncle Henry Leseburg, Uncle William Roever. Confirmed at St. James Lutheran Church, Allison, by Rev. W. C. Nassen. Graduated Allison High School; Wartburg College, B. A. Degree, Air Force 1st Lieutenant; Wartburg Seminary, B. D. Degree.

PAUL HERMAN: born Oct. 19, 1926. Baptized in St. James Lutheran Church, Allison, by Rev. W. C. Nassen. Sponsors Uncle Henry Voigts, Uncle Herman Voigts, Uncle August Riggert, Friend Paul DeBower, Sr. Confirmed same church, same pastor. Graduated Allison High School; Drake University, B. A. Degree; Drake University, Masters Degree in Education.

JEROME JURGEN: born Nov. 21, 1934. Baptized in St. James Lutheran Church, Allison, on Dec. 23, 1934, by Rev. W. C. Nassen. Sponsors Cousin Clara Voigts, Cousin Auguste Voigts Konig, Cousin William Roever, Cousin Harold Koester. Confirmed same church, same pastor. Attended St. Olaf College one year; Summer session at University of Iowa; graduated Wartburg College, B. A.; Student at Lutheran Seminary of Capital University at Columbus, Ohio.

NOLDA MARIE: born April 30, 1916, Herkimer Township, Kansas. Baptized St. John's Lutheran Church, Lanham, Kansas, on May 28th, 1916, by Rev. Richard Richter. Sponsors Aunt Marie Roever, Aunt Alwine Riggert, Aunt Christine Riggert. Nolda Marie died May 12, 1923. Buried in Lutheran Church Cemetary at Vilmar from St. James Lutheran Church, Allison, by Rev. W. C. Nassen on May 16, 1923.

The childhood of Louise was spent on the old Voigts farm northeast of Bristow. On October 1st when she was about 12 years old, the family moved to Vilmar to take over the store which her father had bought. They also farmed the land across the road which her father owned. The autumn she was 15 years old, her sisters Mary and Caroline were married and the following spring moved to their own homes on farms. So while brother Dietrich worked the farm she with the help of her ailing father managed the store,

buying and selling all the things common, stocked in a country general store in those times. The father's health gave great concern and in 1910 the store was sold to William Meyer of Idaho. So on November 20th of that year, she, her brothers Dietrich and Frederick, her mother, and sick father moved across the road into the new home which had been built for them during the summer. Father became more desperately ill and after much, much suffering died on August 14, 1911.

In May of that year Christoph Riggert and his sister Dorothea came from Kansas to visit their Uncle William Meyer at the store. Chris remained for some time working on farms. He met Louise and they were engaged to be married three weeks later. Various illnesses in our family and the fact that Chris had been recalled home to help with the wheat harvest in Kansas no doubt hastened the engagement. They were married the next year on October 16 in St. John's Lutheran church located down the road a short space. The reception was at the home. In the evening there was dancing in the barn belonging to the store across the road.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES ON THE FARM N.E. OF BRISTOW:

There were three plum groves, one back of the house, one across the driveway, and one west of the windmill. These likely were only large clumps of trees, but to a little girl they seemed huge groves. There was a double row of currant bushes south of the house plus some isolated bushes here and there. There was a large Northwestern Greening apple tree, with wonderful apples. Beside it was a Wolf River tree which never bore fruit. One year it had several apples. They were huge. So father said in the fall, "These we must save until they are fully ripe so that we can see what they really are like. They must be wonderful then." So two were placed upon the dresser in the parlor. Finally when it was decided to cut them so that each could have a taste of the precious fruit, we found that the whole center was rotten. I've never cared for Wolf Rivers since! A couple of winesap apple trees were also in the garden, plus two of the

same kind near the windmill. Not like the modern winesap were they. So we never ate them until every thing else green was gone. They were dry and pungent. Two large crab apple trees stood between the plum groves. These Mother, with the help of Grandmother, cooked into endless butter, and what a task it was for us youngsters to pick up bushels of the small things. Right west of the crab apples was our joy. Two duchess trees! These were the earliest and few ever got a chance to get ripe. Too many interested youngsters! Behind the smoke house stood another tree with fruit of strange flavor and a wonderful fragrance. An offshoot from below the graft, no doubt. It was medium sized and yellow and even today if I should see one, I would recognize it as from the tree behind the smokehouse. There were two immense cottonwoods southeast of the house. In due season the "cotton" floated down lazily thru the summer sky, and all seemed well with the world. I was sure that the lullaby, "Rock-a-by-Baby," was written with these cottonwoods in mind. Especially the west one, (the other was too near the pig pen and not safe for a baby) I could just see the cradle swinging in the high branches and if it would "fall," my what a drop!

The creek was our fairy land, our recreation area, our fear, our pleasure. Playing beside it, lying on its banks, wading, tossing in sticks and bits of debris, watching for frogs and other insects, fearing to see a snake and hoping to see a fish! Picking violets and other wildflowers and in the fall a certain purple aster along the fence. These even today make me feel like a little girl trudging the long way to Brushy Mound school whenever I see them. Sometimes after a heavy rain, the creek water rose high—that frightened us and we would not go near.

Behind the windmill plumgrove were a half dozen rows of willows. Beneath them the grass and white clovers grew lush and green, and the clovers bloomed profusely. Here were no tall weeds like in so many other spots. Here we spent many hours braiding "leis." (No, the Hawaiians are not the only ones that do that.)

And like the Biblical injunction, "they soon withered and faded away." But for us it was fun. We had no toys except a small doll. We built a board seesaw, sliding our board between the wood fence. We had a rope swing between two trees. The binder twine came in huge gunny sacks and these were tied with ropes, so every summer we had a new supply of rope. We built play houses with a board or two, with gunnysack walls and roof. Bits of broken china were our dishes, a can or two our kettles. However, roofs and walls were seldom needed as we "moved" often and a "new home" ready for occupancy could be set up in one play session. T

There was one flower bed with a low, weather-beaten picket around it. In it were several peonies and a beautiful red rose. Sisters planted summer flowers in it, too. It wasn't much by today's standards, but to us it was beautiful and we respected it like a cathedral!

Yes, those were happy carefree days. My only regret is that Mother wasn't more tough with us; that she didn't make us take more responsibility. Yes, we worked too; yet if at times if I am easy and indulgent with my children, more so than I should be, it is in memory of a mother of ten children who washed the dishes herself rather than take the time to find and route us out of our various hiding places, where we stayed until we were quite sure the dishes were done.

Frederick C. Voigts

Fred C. Voigts was born on November 27, 1896, son of Louise and Henry Voigts of Vilmar, Iowa.

I was born in the farm home near Bristow and grew up in the vicinity and attended school at Brushy Mound, Prange School, and the parochial school at Vilmar. After attending school at Vilmar for three years I was confirmed in the St. John's Lutheran Church of Vilmar by the pastor Rev. Conrad Weltner.

I stayed home for some time working on the farm and helping with the duties on the farm. When my parents bought the country store at Vilmar, I also helped with the rest of my family with the running of this store. Here is where I received my first experience in the business world. My most interesting part of the store was taking care of the candy counter.

At the age of 15 my father passed away after which my Mother and I shared part of our farm home, which was erected just across the road from the store. The year before my father died, we disposed of the store. I also helped with the work in building up this new home, hauling lumber, etc. Two years after the erection of this new home, I was taken sick very seriously, which later proved to be a ruptured appendix. After a very serious operation, I again was restored to health but never was very strong. Therefore, I decided to take a business course at the Ecklund Business College at Waterloo, Iowa. I attended college for two years and graduated from both the shorthand and commercial courses. Before my graduation, I was offered a position in the State Bank of Allison, which I accepted and I remained with the State Bank for twenty-five years, working from the bottom up. I held both the position of Cashier and Vice-president.

I loved to work in my community, and joined the St. Jacobus Church of Allison and held the office of Treasurer for a number of years. The matter of organizing a Luther League was brought up, and I helped to organize this League, of which I was elected Secretary. It was at this time that I became better acquainted with Etta E. Hummel; she was Vice-president of the League at this time. And, as the Bible says, "It is not good for a man to be alone." After a courtship of about two years, I asked Etta to become my wife. We worked hard and diligently together, both in our home and community and church. We had a large church wedding, on June 17, 1923. After our marriage and honeymoon trip to Chicago, Illinois, we settled down to our old positions--

I in the State Bank of Allison and Etta continuing her secretarial work at the Court House. We worked together and decided to build a new home of our own on the lots which I purchased from L. A. Spengler, formerly owned by Will Ray.

We built a new home which was completed in the fall of 1923, and we now settled in our new home. Up to this time Etta was still working at the office, but decided to give this up now that we had our own home. We were very happy in our new home and everything was going fine, but our happiness was somewhat dimmed when in December, just a few days before Christmas, my mother passed away. We laid her to rest in the family cemetery north of Vilmar. I will never forget the Christmas gift she had ordered to be delivered to us at Christmas after she was away. A set of six china cups and saucers which I have always kept as one of my most sacred treasures.

In the spring of 1924 on the 17th of May, my son Donald Henry Louis was born. He was a strong, healthy boy, and the image of his father. When Donald was eight months old, I again was taken ill and was taken to the hospital at Hampton and later to Rochester. The good Lord again was gracious to me and again restored me to my usual health. Two years later, my daughter Dorothy Lou was born; she too was a fine, healthy baby and her Daddy's hope and cheer. I worked hard in my business year after year, taking a short vacation occasionally. I visited my sister Minnie and family in South Dakota about this time, and when the children were old enough to leave at home, Etta and I, in company with her sister and brother-in-law, attended the World's Fair at Chicago. I enjoyed this immensely; it was the first real vacation I had taken for a number of years. This was in the year of 1933. Lilly Voigts, now Mrs. Ted Bauman, took care of the children while we were away. In the year of 1928 we celebrated our wooden wedding at Cedar Falls. In 1934 one of the biggest events of my life happened—I was Cashier at the Bank at that time, and the big depression struck. All the banks in the United

States were asked to close their doors. This was right after the close of the First World War. I think no body ever suffered like I did when this order went out. Everything went dark in my life; even though my bank was in good condition, one could never tell just what was going to happen next. In addition to losing my bank stock, for which I had worked hard all my life, if the bank did not open again I would lose everything Etta and I had worked for--our new home and everything. But as there is always Someone over all who doesn't let the worst happen, the Bank opened in due time, and although we had pretty heavy going for some time, after a few years everything was again going as usual. Both Donald and Dorothy were now attending school and Donald was confirmed in 1938 at the St. Jacobus church at Allison. 1969305

In the fall of 1938, I decided to take my family for a real outing which we spent at Leach Lake, Minnesota. Donald and I both enjoyed fishing very much, and as Leach Lake is located out in the forest about 14 miles off the main road, this proved to be a real rest for me. I only wish I had done this before. Everything was so quiet and peaceful at the lake, and after spending ten days there, fishing and drinking in the sunshine along the lake, we returned home much refreshed after our outing.

The following fall in 1939, I again took another trip North with my family to Leach Lake. My health was not so good at this time, but the rest up in the far North woods certainly helped a lot to restore new hope and upon my return home I was feeling a lot better.

In the fall of 1940, I purchased a house trailer, and together with my family again started on our journey northward. On my way going there, I felt the change would do me good as it had done on my two former trips. But when we reached Sandy Lake, about 150 miles from Leach Lake, I did not feel so well, so we decided to stay at Sandy Lake instead of going further north. While here I became very ill and for sometime did not think I would ever

make it back home. But after staying here for almost two weeks, I regained strength enough to return to my home.

My family and I spent a very happy Christmas at my home, even though my health was at times very poor. I was always happy to be home and with my family. For our Christmas gift this year, my one and only desire was to purchase a new radio and record player. My niece Amanda Bessley and her little daughter Parol spent Christmas with us. We also had a Christmas tree and invited the family in to spend Christmas with us. Yes, we had a very happy Christmas; everyone was so good to us. Most of all I enjoyed to listen to the beautiful Christmas carols, and on Christmas Eve, Etta and I sat by our new radio while the record player played, "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made and the things which in common we share;

We want to live on not because of ourselves, but because of the people who care;

It's giving and doing for somebody else--so that all life's splendor depends;

And the joy of this world when you've summed it all up, is found in the making of friends.

Edgar A. Guest

Sig Voigts

Sigmund Julius George Voigts was born July 23, 1888. Early in life he gave signs of being a percousious child by bull-headedly stretching himself flat on the sidewalk of the corner of 8th and Main and kicking the daylights out of the concrete to such an extent that he was properly spanked then and there. At five years of age, he entered St. John's German School, known in this community as the "Rooster School" because of its weather vane in the form of a rooster. Later that year he was kept out of school for one semester because of the whooping cough. The following year he entered Fulton Public School, later moving to different houses making it necessary to change public schools.

Twelve years of age undertaking the job of newspaper boy for the local "globe journal" proved a way of earning his own spending money. A year later at the age of thirteen when he finished grade school, he started to work as delivery boy for "Becker Hazelton China Ware Importers." After a year of this he entered high school and later working as "Printers Devil" at the Presbyterian Press, started the trade he continued to follow (later going into business for himself). During his early teens, the Luther League and the Luther League plays proved the center of his social life in the capacity of actor and director. It was during one of these plays, namely "College Chums" that the "red-haired youth" playing the leading role was introduced to a "shy young miss" named Clara Kaiser, who had large grey eyes and an 18 inch waist. This meeting blossomed into a five year courtship, winding up with their marriage on November 25, 1914. One year later a daughter, Katherine Ruth, was born, and in 1920 a son, Walter Eugene. Both entered public school when they were five years old, and after a year at kindergarten and completion of the twelve grades, both graduated from Dubuque Senior High School. After school Katherine worked as a clerk,

cashier, theater usher, telephone operator, and finally cosmetologist. On Feb. 4, 1940, she became Mrs. Edward Schnack at a simple family wedding in St. John's Church.

After school Walter worked in his father's print shop and then at Rosbek's Department store as a window trimmer. He, like his father and mother, was interested in amateur theatricals and took part in many of St. John's plays. On Dec. 6, 1941, while the group was out at Allison, Iowa, to present one of its plays, the startling news of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was learned.

William August Voigts, second son of William and Katherine Voigts, was born on May 25, 1894. He received his early vocal training when his older brother Sig would tease him until he screamed and then hold his mouth shut to keep the screams from reaching his mother's ears. Anyway, the training was successful as he later became quite a tenor vocalist. When a small lad and friends would ask Willie what Santa should bring him, he would quickly list many things dear to the heart of a boy but as a last flourish to the list, would singingly add, "and a toot horny."

He, too, attended both German and public schools and then went to work in the same print shop that already employed his brother Sig. Talent as a tenor and a marked resemblance to Wallie Reed, film hero, made him desirable to many feminine hearts, which he kept guessing until when he married tall and dark Frances Miller in October, 1938. After a brief honeymoon, they made their home next door to Sig and family. Frances was a linotype operator and she continued her work for a time until waiting the birth of their baby. This was destined to be one of the sad portions of their married life, as the child was not meant for this world. On June 1, 1942, Bill left Dubuque and started a new career as insurance salesman for Lutheran Mutual Insurance Company with his headquarters in Milwaukee.

Karl Richard Voigts was born May 11, 1902, being the youngest son of William and Katherine Weitzel Voigts. He was a twin but the other child died in infancy. As a youngster, his great ambition was to be an Indian or a cowboy, and he could usually be found wearing a sombrero and pistol belt and shouting, "Hands up!" in the lingo of Dead Eye Dick. However, this childhood ambition wore off in due time and he, too, turned to the print shop for his life career and started to work in the same shop with Sig and Bill, later changing to another employer.

On May 25, 1940, he was united in marriage to Mary Glynn of Dubuque, Iowa. On June 8, 1941, a little girl was born whom they named Anna Katherine.

INCIDENTS OF OUR CHILDHOOD AND PAST
BY THE VOIGTS CHILDREN

By Carl (Charlie)

When I was a boy eight or nine years old, my work was to herd the cows. There were no fences--just a corral to drive the cattle in at night. This was mostly in the winter, when I herded the cows in the cornstalks. I had some long cold days and a good appetite. But Mother saw to it that my feet were warm. I wore Dad's boots. They were Dad's Sunday boots. We didn't have any shoes them days. Two pair of woolen socks kept my feet warm and made the boots fit.

I had a faithful dog. We called him "Watch." Remembering one time in the spring when they drove the cattle from one state to the other, these cattle got on Dad's rye and they couldn't get them off. So Dad said, "Charlie, get Old Watch. He will fetch them off." So he did. Old Watch then had to help the neighbors. They had the same trouble.

By Herman

The Worst Scare I every Had.

This happened when I was eight years old. It seems that Father read some article in the paper concerning the capture of lions and other wild animals in the jungles for the zoo and for show purposes. It was in corn picking time and I went to pick corn with the rest of the boys, but always thinking that the corn field was a very good place for these wild animals to hide. But the climax of fright came that night when my mother sent me out to get something that she wanted. It was dark, but I went; that was orders. When I was about a hundred feet from the house, it seemed to me that there were about four lions between me and the house, and my first thought was to call for help. But if I did the lions would know where I was and eat me alive, so I kept quiet and walked to the house slowly.

When I got a little closer, the lions started to run. They were four of our fall calves.

This learned me a lesson---that if a person is frightened by something for him to keep his head and not run, and it will come out alright after all. I was not frightened after that again.

By Caroline (Lena)

I am ten years old and my brother Dick is eight years old. We are in the plum orchard, where we came every day to eat plums. Dick ate my plums, which I picked myself. It made me mad, and I chased after Dick. Dick got scairt and climbed up the windmill ladder for protection. I climbed up after him. Dick took down his trousers, and I run for dear life!

By Wilhemina (Minnie)

I and Henry are herding the cows. I have a coat on that was sent to us from Chicago. It was a nice coat with velvet pockets. I surely like it for the pockets alone.

It was time to drive the cows home. It was considerably warmer and I would have taken my coat off, but what to do with it was what I was thinking about. We debated. What shall we do with it? We decided to let the cows carry it home on their backs. We had a cow called Koose (Koo-se). We will let her carry it home through the slough grass, which is about four feet high in the center of the slough. Koose carried it through the grass, but it must have fallen off in the high grass, as the coat was not there when she came to the other side.

Well, let it go until tomorrow; we decided. The next day two cows stood in one spot alone. Them cows are sure good, as they don't run around like the rest. Finally we went through the tall grass where the two cows stood. And there was my coat, partly chewed

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up. We took the coat home and hung it over the garden fence and told Ma that the cows must have broken out in the night, and that was the end of my coat.

We had to have some apples. We were herding cows again, Henry and I. There were no apples left on the trees, except a few Winesaps on one branch, and that branch was partly rotted away. But there were two apples on that branch. I climbed up the tree, and said we'd get those ~~two~~ apples some way. I started to climb up the tree, and was nearly up to where the two apples hung, when the limb broke, and down came the apples, branch, and me hanging on to it. Henry said, "Now, we got the apples!" "But, Henry, the tree is partly broken down." "Oh, let that lay. I'll tell Ma the wind broke it down in the night," said Henry. We did not get a licking.

When we herded the cows on another day, we had to have something to take along to eat to help us pass the time. We climbed in the pantry window and got at Ma's brown sugar sack. We put the brown sugar in a small piece of cloth and tied a string around it, and when we were herding cows that day, we sucked on them. Was that fun, and it was just as good as a piece of candy today.

By Louise (Lizzie)

We were very young, Dick, Fred, and I, and she did stay away an awful long time. That is, Sister Lena, staying at Kammeyer's and regaling us with stories of how fond Grandpa Manus was of her, and how he would look out for her.

So finally we decided she would perhaps never come home to live anyway and we might as well divide her estate between us. It consisted of several lion heads from Lion Head soffee, a few Four X Coffee coupons, some bird pictures from Arm & Hammer Soda, a book

mark from Stultz Bros., Distillers of St. Louis. (This was the spiffy wine and liquor store of the gay nineties, who sent out salesmen "who got the orders.") She also had a few silk scraps from silk neckties. Well, we divided very evenly. One for me and one for him. However, our prosperity was short-lived, for soon after ~~leam~~ got homesick or else Kammeyer's and Manus decided they could get along without her. Anyway she came home, and then--oh, my, did the fur every fly! Of course, we had to pay back and likely, with interest. But no sinners were ever more grateful to get off so easy. And soon we were out looking for other forbidden mischief, like swimming in the stock tank and climbing the high mill tower.

By Fredrick (Fred)

One day as Mother was sweeping the porch, one of our pet cats came along and made of itself quite a nuisance. Having the broom in her hand, she decided to do away with this cat. She hit it over the head with the broom, and thinking it dead, she called one of the boys to bury it. We had it buried in the grove and thought we would now be rid of him. What did we find on the prch the next morning, but that same cat that we had buried in the grove the day before, alive as ever!

By William (Willie)

When I was a boy, I had to watch the cattle on the prairie. And I had lots of fun killing and tormenting gophers and snakes. Charlie was generally with me. We both had lots of freckles on our faces. So Grandma told us to go to the big pond and wash our faces with frog's eggs. We did do this, but had to wait until it dried on to do any good. Our faces got so stiff, they felt like boards. Then we started washing it off. But what a time that was. But our freckles disappeared, thanks to Grandma.

By Henry (Heinie)

Herman and I, one Monday morning, were harnessing the two mules, Jack and Little Jenny. We were to plow with the walking plow, which we took turns in operating. I'd walk three rounds with the mules, then Herman would take his turn.

We usually talked quite confidentially to each other while harnessing the mules. This particular morning I asked Herman if it was true that he bought some smoking tobacco. The boys had told me he got some in Bristow. I had some and had it hid between the walls behind Little Jenny and Jack. I told Herman it would "gif vot" if we were found out. Herman would not tell me where his was hidden, because he feared I would smoke all mine and then would get into his.

We usually took coffee with us each morning. This particular morning the coffee was all used from breakfast and Ma had to make fresh. We finally started for the field. Herman riding Little Jenny and I on Jack's back. There were two trails. One led to the pasture and the other over to Charley's place and through Grandma Hahn's 6-A's of corn. The coffee was piping hot, and the lid was not on very tight. We galloped with the mules; the coffee splashed on Jack's back. I wanted to save the coffee and Jack wanted to save himself. So he run with me into Uncle Charley's barn. I was not hurt and when I looked around, Herman was still on Little Jenny's back, standing outside the barn door. We pulled old Jack out of the barn and tied Little Jenny to Jack, and by that time, what was left of the coffee was cooled, and we got on the mules' backs and started for the field again. Half way down to the plowed field, Herman said, "Let them go once." I left Jack go, and Jenny, still tied to him had to follow. Jack galloped away into the loose plowing. Suddenly Little Jenny stumbled and Herman flew off into the plowing. And I saw Little Jenny roll over on her back with her feet in the air and the hames in the ground. We both stood

there and thought Little Jenny was going to die. We took her by the feet and rolled her on her side. Then she jumped to her feet. She was not hurt by her fall. After straightening out the harness, we started for the field and plowed until dinner time. It was a short, exciting forenoon!

By Dietrich (Dick)

Lena and I were playing on the place one day. Lena was whirling the hoe like a baton in the air. I got too close, or Lena came nearer to me, and the hoe hit me on the foot right on the fore-ankle. It bled like a stuck hog. Lena went in and told Mary to get some rags. We put all the rags on my foot. We did not dare go in the house, even at dinner time. So Mary brought us out some soup. We stayed outside until dark, and my foot was so sore, but I managed to crawl behind the table, ate my supper, and then I went right to bed. I still carry the scar today, and if there is any doubt in anyone's mind, just let me know and I will show it to them.

